

change of letters providing for the creation of a Canadian Institute in Rome. This in the cultural agreement on which we agreed to open negotiations soon will help greatly enhance cultural and academic exchanges between Canada and Italy.

In all three capitals, I held useful discussions on the current problems before the United Nations and on the efforts being made at the E.N.D.C. and elsewhere to achieve certain partial measures of disarmament as tangible steps towards our objective of general and complete disarmament. I do not intend to report, of course, on the policy positions of the countries I visited with respect to these several questions. What is for them to do. But I did find everywhere a recognition of the importance of the further strengthening of the United Nations. I explained the Canadian stand on some of the current subjects before the Organization, particularly our hope that this Assembly will be able to come to some agreement on peacekeeping. Mr. Gromyko raised with me his Government's interest in the item on non-intervention in the internal affairs of other countries, and I assured him of our general agreement with this standard of international conduct as well as our support for the principle of the self-determination of peoples.

The Polish and Soviet Governments, I conclude, are anxious, as we and the Italians are, about the possible further proliferation of nuclear weapons in the world. There have been recent bilateral discussions between the United States and the U.S.S.R. on the subject of non-proliferation, and the Soviet side assured me that they are anxious to arrive at a treaty in this respect. I already know from my talks with Mr. Rusk that this continues to be the wish of the United States. If this were achieved, it would be a very important step which would undoubtedly contribute towards the reduction of tensions in Europe and other parts of the world.

I confirmed by my talks in Poland and the Soviet Union that there is in those countries a desire to work for a further détente in Europe and an improvement in the atmosphere there in order to create conditions for a satisfactory settlement of the